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4) Claim(s) 1-68 is/are pending in the application.			
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5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.			
6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.		: *	
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.		•	
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	election requirement.		*
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9) The specification is objected to by the Examine.	•		
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a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:			
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Response to Amendment

- 1. This is a sixth office action in response to applicant's amendment filed, 03 November 2005, of application filed, with the above serial number, on 26 January 2000 in which claims 1, 10, 18, 27, 35, 44, 52, and 61have been amended. Claims 1-68 are therefore pending in the application.
- 2. The proposed reply filed on 03 November 2005 has not been entered because it is unsigned.

Since the above mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE** (1) **MONTH or THIRTY** (30) **DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. The reply filed on 03 November 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Amendment not signed. See MPEP 714.01(a) [R-3]. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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## Conclusion

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory G. Todd whose telephone number is (571)272-4011. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00am-6:00pm w/ first Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571)272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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